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C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of unbinding a ticket identifier from security features included on an electronic ticket, said method comprising:
receiving an unbind request from a requestor, the unbind request including the ticket identifier corresponding to the electronic ticket;
determining whether the unbind request is authorized by the customer; and
unbinding the security features from the ticket identifier in response to determining that the unbind request is authorized.
2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein at least one of the security features is selected from the group consisting of a photograph of the customer, a customer signature, a digital signature corresponding to the customer, a fingerprint, and a description of the customer.
3. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein the determining further comprises:
receiving an encrypted data packet that has been encrypted using a private key corresponding to the customer; and
deciphering the encrypted data packet using a stored public key corresponding to the customer.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
determining whether the electronic ticket can be transferred; and

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unbinding the security features from the ticket identifier
in response to determining that the ticket can be
transferred; and
returning an error message to the requestor in response to
determining that the ticket cannot be transferred.

5. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
receiving a binding request from a second requestor, the
binding request including a second ticket identifier
and one or more security features corresponding to the
second requestor;
determining whether the second ticket identifier is
currently bound to stored security features; and
binding the second ticket identifier to the second
requestor's security features in response to
determining that the second ticket identifier is not
currently bound to stored security features.
6. (Original) The method as described in claim 5 further comprising:
sending ticket information to the second requestor in
response to the binding, the ticket information
including a ticket layout.
7. (Original) The method as described in claim 6 further comprising:
receiving a printed ticket from the second requestor, the
printed ticket formatted according to the ticket
layout, the printed ticket including the ticket
identifier and the second requestor's security
features.

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8. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
verifying the requestor, the verifying including:
receiving a secret identifier from the requestor; and
comparing the secret identifier with a stored secret identifier corresponding to the requestor.
9. (Original) An information handling system comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
a network interface for communicating with other information handling systems;
one or more nonvolatile storage areas accessible by the processors; and
an electronic ticketing tool for unbinding a ticket identifier from security features, the electronic ticket tool including:
means for receiving an unbind request from a requestor, the unbind request including the ticket identifier corresponding to the electronic ticket;
means for determining whether the unbind request is authorized by the customer; and
means for unbinding the security features from the ticket identifier in response to determining that the unbind request is authorized.
10. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 wherein the means for determining further comprises:

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- means for receiving an encrypted data packet that has been encrypted using a private key corresponding to the customer; and
- means for deciphering the encrypted data packet using a stored public key corresponding to the customer.
11. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising:
- means for receiving a binding request from a second requestor, the binding request including a second ticket identifier and one or more security features corresponding to the second requestor;
- means for determining whether the second ticket identifier is currently bound to stored security features; and
- means for binding the second ticket identifier to the second requestor's security features in response to determining that the second ticket identifier is not currently bound to stored security features.
12. (Original) The information handling system as described in claim 9 further comprising:
- means for verifying the requestor, the verifying including:
- means for receiving a secret identifier from the requestor; and
- means for comparing the secret identifier with a stored secret identifier corresponding to the requestor.
13. (Original) A computer program product stored on a computer operable medium for unbinding a ticket identifier from security features included on an electronic ticket, said computer program product comprising:

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means for receiving an unbind request from a requestor, the unbind request including the ticket identifier corresponding to the electronic ticket;
means for determining whether the unbind request is authorized by the customer; and
means for unbinding the security features from the ticket identifier in response to determining that the unbind request is authorized.

14. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 wherein at least one of the security features is selected from the group consisting of a photograph of the customer, a customer signature, a digital signature corresponding to the customer, a fingerprint, and a description of the customer.
15. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 wherein the means for determining further comprises:
means for receiving an encrypted data packet that has been encrypted using a private key corresponding to the customer; and
means for deciphering the encrypted data packet using a stored public key corresponding to the customer.
16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim 13 further comprising:
means for determining whether the electronic ticket can be transferred; ~~and~~
means for unbinding the security features from the ticket identifier in response to determining that the ticket can be transferred; and

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means for returning an error message to the requestor in response to determining that the ticket cannot be transferred.

17. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 further comprising:

means for receiving a binding request from a second requestor, the binding request including a second ticket identifier and one or more security features corresponding to the second requestor;
means for determining whether the second ticket identifier is currently bound to stored security features; and
means for binding the second ticket identifier to the second requestor's security features in response to determining that the second ticket identifier is not currently bound to stored security features.

18. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 17 further comprising:

means for sending ticket information to the second requestor in response to the binding, the ticket information including a ticket layout.

19. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising:

means for receiving a printed ticket from the second requestor, the printed ticket formatted according to the ticket layout, the printed ticket including the ticket identifier and the second requestor's security features.

20. (Original) The computer program product as described in claim 13 further comprising:

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means for verifying the requestor, the verifying including:
means for receiving a secret identifier from the
requestor; and
means for comparing the secret identifier with a
stored secret identifier corresponding to the
requestor.